

A

SOLEMN LEAGUE  
AND

COVENANT  
FOR

REFORMATION,

AND

Defence of RELIGION,

The honour and happinesse  
of the KING, and the Peace and Safety  
of the three KINGDOMS

OF

*Scotland, England and Ireland.*

Appointed to be renewed

By the Acts of the Commission of the General  
Assembly, and the Committee of Estates of  
the sixth and fourteenth dayes of this  
Moneth of October.

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Jer. 50. 5. *Come, let us joyn our selves to the Lord in a perpetuall Covenant, that shall not be forgotten.*

2 Chron. 15. 15. *And all Judah rejoyced at the Oath, for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them; and the Lord gave them rest round about.*

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The Solemn League and  
Covenant of the three  
Kingdoms, &c.



WE Noblemen, Barons, Knights,  
Gentlemen, Citizens, Bur-  
gesses, Ministers of the Gos-  
pel, and Commons of all  
sorts in the Kingdomes of  
*Scotland, England and Ire-  
land*, by the providence of  
God living under one King,  
and being of one reformed Religion, Having be-  
fore our eyes the Glory of God, and the advance-  
ment of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ, the Honour and Happinesse of the  
Kings Majesty and his Posterity, and the true  
publike Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the King-  
doms, wherein every ones private condition is  
included; And calling to mind the treacherous  
and bloody Plots, Conspiracies, Attempts, and  
practices of the Enemies of God, against the  
true

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true Religion, and Professours thereof in all places, especially in these three Kingdomes ever since the Reformation of Religion, and how much their rage, power and presumption are of late, and at this time increased and exercised; whereof the deplorable estate of the Church and Kingdome of *Ireland*, the distressed estate of the Church and Kingdom of *England*, and the dangerous estate of the Church and Kingdome of *Scotland* are present and publick testimonies; We have now at last (after other means of Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations and Sufferings) for the preservation of our selves and our Religion from utter ruine and destruction, according to the commendable practice of these Kingdomes in former times, and the example of Gods people in other Nations, after mature deliberation, resolved and determined to enter into a mutuall and solemn League and Covenant: Wherein we all subscribe, and each one of us for himself, with our hands lifted up to the most high God do swear;

I. **T**Hat we shall sincerely, really and constantly through the grace of God, endeavour in our severall places and callings, the preservation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scotland* in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, against our common Enemies; The Reformation of Religion in the Kingdomes of  
*England*

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England and Ireland, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, according to the Word of God, and the example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of God in the three Kingdoms, to the nearest conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worship and Catechising; That we and our posterity after us, may, as Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of us.

I I. That we shall in like manner, without respect of Persons, endeavour the Extirpation of popery, prelacy, (that is Church-government by Arch-bishops, Bishops, their Chancellours and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, and all other Ecclesiastical Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresie, Schism, prophaneffe, and whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrine, and the power of Godlinesse; Lest we partake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their p'agues; And that the Lord may be one, and His Name one in the three Kingdoms.

I I I. We shall with the same sincerity, reality and constancy, in our severall vocations, endeavour with our estates and lives mutually to preserve

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serve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdoms; And to preserve and defend the Kings Majesties Person and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdoms; That the world may bear witness with our consciences of our Loyalty, and that we have no thoughts and intentions to diminish his Majesties just power and greatness.

I V. We shall also with all faithfulness endeavour the discovery of all such as have been, or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the three Kingdomes from another, or making any faction, or parties amongst the people contrary to this League and Covenant, That they may be brought to publike trial, and receive condign punishment, as the degree of their offences shall require or deserve, or the supream Judicatories of both Kingdoms respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

V. And whereas the happiness of a blessed Peace between these Kingdoms, denied in former times to our progenitors, is by the good providence of God granted unto us, and hath been



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been lately concluded, and settled by both Parliaments, We shall each one of us, according to our place and interest, endeavour that they may remain conjoynd in a firm peace and Union to all posterity, And that Justice may be done upon the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Article.

V I. We shall also according to our places and callings in this common Cause of Religion, Liberty, and peace of the Kingdoms, assist and defend all those that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and pursuing thereof; And shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly by whatsoever combination, perswasion or terrour, to be divided and withdrawn from this blessed Union and conjunction, whether to make defection to the contrary part, or to give our selves to a detestable indifferency, or neutrality in this Cause, which so much concerneth the glory of G O D, the good of the Kingdomes, and the Honour of the King; But shall all the dayes of our lives zealously and constantly continue therein, against all opposition, and promote the same according to our power, against all Lets and Impediments whatsoever; And what we are not able our selves to suppress or overcome, we shall reveal and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed: All which we shall do as in the sight of G O D.

And

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And, because these Kingdoms are guilty of many sins and provocations against God, and his Son Jesus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses and dangers, the fruits thereof, We professe and declare before GOD and the World, our unfained desire to be humbled for our own sins, and for the sins of these Kingdoms, especially that we have not as we ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive Christ in our hearts, or to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the causes of other sins and transgressions so much abounding amongst us, And our true and unfained purpose, desire, and endeavour for our selves, and all others under our power and charge, both in publick and in private, in all duties we owe to GOD and Man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the example of a reall Reformation; That the Lord may turn away his wrath, and heavy indignation, and establish these Churches and Kingdoms in Truth and Peace. And this Covenant we make in the presence of Almighty GOD the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, As we shall answer at that great Day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed; Most humbly beseeching the Lord,



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Lord, to strengthen us by his holy Spirit for this end, and to blesse our desires, and proceedings with such successe, as may be deliverance and safety to his People, and encouragement to other Christian Churches groaning under, or in danger of the yoke of Antichristian Tyrannie, to joyn in the same, or like Association and Covenant, to the glory of G O D, the enlargement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and the peace and tranquillity of Christian Kingdoms and Commonwealths. .

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